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HOUSE BILL NO. 3014

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Introduced by **HONORABLE ABRAHAM "BAMBOL" N. TOLENTINO**

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Development Academy of the Philippines, otherwise known as DAP, was created by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 205 dated 6<sup>th</sup> of June 1973. Said PD 205 was subsequently amended by P.D. 1061 dated December 9, 1976 and E.O. 288 dated July 25, 1987.

The DAP has laudable causes: to conduct and provide education, training, consultancy, and policy-oriented research; to foster developmental research and programs; to encourage and advance effective governance; and to promote discourse on development activities, not only in the Philippines but likewise globally.

Pursuant to its causes and purposes, the DAP operates the Graduate School of Public and Development Management (GSPDM) and is comprised of three (3) institutes. DAP offers graduate studies in various fields, i.e. Master in Public Management major in Integrity Development in Governance (MPM-IDiG), Master in Development Management (MDM), Master Program in Productivity and Quality Management, and Executive Doctorate in Education (EDEL), to name a few. Public government officials and academicians all over the country seek the expertise of DAP.

As DAP is at the forefront of higher learning in Philippine public administration and governance, and since DAP is an institution that has international significance, it is imperative that its faculty, as well as its leaders, be well credentialed.

Unfortunately, PD 205 and the subsequent amendments do not provide for the qualifications and the term of office of the DAP President. The leadership of the DAP for the past years does not possess the highest academic educational attainment suited for the position. Unlike the Presidents of state universities, the University of the Philippines (UP) and Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), among others, the President of DAP does not possess a doctorate degree that should have been required by his position. Needless to state, this predicament undermines that stature and integrity of the revered position.

Moreover, as the term of office is not set in PD 205 and the amendments, the leadership of DAP enjoys unlimited power and control that is unusual in government office. Hence, the term of office must be specified to forestall possible abuse of authority and to avoid the use of the position for partisan politicking at the national or local level.

This bill aims to address the aforementioned need to set the qualifications and term of office of the President for a more effective and efficient administration of DAP.

Thus, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING P.D. 205 AND AMENDING E.O. 288  
PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

Section 1. Section 1 of E.O. 288 FURTHER AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES amending Section 6 of P.D. 205 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 6. Executive Committee. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President of the Academy and four other members to be elected by the Board of Trustees from the membership of the Board. Members of the Executive Committee [, other than the President of the Academy,] shall hold office for terms of two years, unless at the time of election of a shorter time is specified, and shall be eligible for re-election. The Board shall elect the Chairman of the Executive Committee from the membership of the Committee."

Section 2. A new Section 8-A is hereby added, after Section 8 of PD 205, as amended, to read as follows:

“SECTION 8-A. TERM OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES SHALL BE LIMITED TO FOUR (4) NON-EXTENDIBLE, NON-RENEWABLE YEARS. IN NO CASE SHALL THE TERM OF OFFICE EXCEED FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE YEARS.”

Section 3. A new Section 8-B is hereby added, after Section 8 of PD 205, as amended, to read as follows:

“SECTION 8-B. QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES. THE PRESIDENT OF THE DAP MUST HOLD A PH.D DEGREE IN ANY RELEVANT COURSE FROM A REPUTABLE UNIVERSITY IN THE PHILIPPINES OR ABROAD AND ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE. THERE SHALL BE STRICT AND COMPLETE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL THE PRESCRIBED REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.”

Section 4. A new Section 15 is hereby added, after Section 14 of PD 205, as amended, to read as follows:

“SECTION 15. THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT. THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE DAP SHALL BE CONSIDERED RESIGNED FROM OFFICE ONE MONTH FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT.”

Section 5. Section 6 of E.O. 288 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 6. Effectivity. [This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.] THIS LAW SHALL TAKE EFFECT FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN TWO (2) NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION.”

Approved,